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# BY-LAWS

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# ARION CLUB,

VICTORIA, B. C.

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## ARTICLE I.

This association, which shall be called the Object.  
ARION CLUB,  
is organized for the purpose of studying music  
for male voices.

## ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The members of the club shall be Membership  
composed and classified as follows :

- (a) Active,
- (b) Auxiliary,
- (c) Associate, and
- (d) Honorary.

SEC. 2. The number of active members shall  
be limited to thirty-two.

SEC. 3. The number of auxiliary members  
shall be at the discretion of the general com-  
mittee, but shall not at any time be more than  
eight.

SEC. 4. The number of associate members  
shall be limited to one hundred and twenty-five.

## ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers of the club shall be: Officers and  
committees.  
A President,  
Vice-President,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Librarian, and  
Conductor.

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SEC. 2. Only honorary members shall be eligible for the office of president.

SEC. 3. There shall also be a General Committee, to consist of the vice-president, secretary-treasurer, librarian, conductor and two active members, four to constitute a quorum ; and

SEC. 4. A Music Committee, to consist of the conductor and one active member.

SEC. 5. The officers and members of the said committees shall be elected at the annual meeting by ballot, and their term of office shall commence on election and shall continue until the appointment of successors.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Vice-President.

The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the club, but in the case of his absence a chairman for the meeting may be chosen.

#### ARTICLE V.

Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall also be secretary of the general committee; shall notify members of their election; conduct the correspondence of the club; keep a record of its proceedings at all meetings, in a book which shall be open at all times to the inspection of the active members, and keep a correct list of the members. He shall record the attendances at rehearsals and notify the active members of special meetings; he shall also collect all moneys due the club; pay its bills, and

keep a correct account of his transactions. He shall submit a statement of the condition of the club to the general committee previous to the annual meeting, and present to that meeting a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures. He shall be ready at all times to exhibit to the general committee his cash on hand, and his books for inspection.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The Librarian shall have charge and keep a Librarian. record of the music, books, periodicals and other property of the club entrusted to his care, and shall see that they are maintained in good order. No music, book or other article shall be taken from the club-room except by his permission.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The Conductor shall direct the musical exercises of the club, and have absolute authority during rehearsals and concerts. Conductor.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The Music Committee shall have general direction of the musical affairs of the club, and entire charge of the selection and purchase of music. Music committee. They shall also examine all candidates for active membership and applicants for auxiliary membership as to their musical fitness, report to the general committee from time to time the names of those qualified for admission, and attend to the classification and proper seating of members.

## ARTICLE IX.

General  
committee.

SEC. 1. The General Committee shall have the management and control of the property and business affairs of the club, except as may be otherwise provided in these by-laws.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of this committee, prior to the report called for in the following section, to suspend temporarily from participation in the exercises of the club any member whose irregularity of attendance, inattention or incapacity make his voice undesirable in the chorus, with power to reinstate without making such report, if good cause be shown.

SEC. 3. They may at any time report to the club the name of any active or auxiliary member whose participation in its musical exercises ought in their opinion to cease; or who has been guilty of conduct unbecoming to the character and subversive of the good order and purposes of the club.

SEC. 4. They shall make such arrangements as they may think proper for the convenience and comfort of the club, subject however to the control of the active members, whose will, expressed by a majority of those present at any regular meeting, shall be conclusive.

## ARTICLE X.

Active and  
auxiliary  
members.

SEC. 1. Candidates for active membership shall make application in writing to the secretary, and

the names of those duly qualified for admission shall be reported by the general committee to the club, and posted in the club-room at least two weeks previous to action thereon. An election may be held at any regular meeting or rehearsal of the club at which a quorum is present. Election of members shall be by ballot and three black balls shall reject a candidate. Each member must pay an entrance fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) within ten days after election, otherwise he will be considered to have forfeited his membership.

SEC. 2. An applicant for active membership, after being favorably reported upon by the music committee, may be admitted as an auxiliary member by the general committee.

SEC. 3. Auxiliary members shall have the privilege of rehearsing with the club, and at the discretion of the music committee, of singing at a concert in the absence of a regular member, but shall not be subject to entrance fee, and shall have no voice in the management of the club's affairs.

SEC. 4. On the occurrence of a vacancy, an auxiliary member may be admitted as an active member upon presentation of his name by the general committee as provided in Sec. I.

SEC. 5. An active member who may resign while in good standing, and who may thereafter

desire to renew his connection with the club, may be readmitted in the usual course but without payment of entrance fee.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Associate  
members.

SEC. 1. Candidates for associate membership shall make application to the secretary in writing, and may be elected at any ordinary meeting or rehearsal of the club at which a quorum is present, their names having previously been posted in the club-room for at least two weeks. The election shall be by ballot, and five black balls shall reject a candidate.

SEC. 2. Each associate member shall upon election pay an entrance fee of \$1.00, and shall also pay a subscription of \$5.00 for each fiscal year, non-payment of which, within 20 days after notice, may be considered as a resignation. The fiscal year shall end on the 31st May.

SEC. 3. In each fiscal year associate members shall be entitled to three tickets of admission to three concerts, which shall be given on such dates as may be appointed from time to time by the general committee.

SEC. 4. Associate members shall not by virtue of their membership have any voice in the management of the club's affairs.

#### ARTICLE XII.

Honorary  
members.

Any person distinguished for his interest in the purposes of the club, or who has rendered it

valuable service, may be chosen an honorary member at a special meeting of the club, called for the purpose at least two weeks previously, and shall be entitled to the privileges of membership without entrance fee or subscription.

### ARTICLE XIII.

An active or auxiliary member who may be reported by the general committee, as provided in Article IX, Sec. 3, may be deprived of his membership by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any subsequent meeting. Notice in writing of this intended action shall be sent to such member at least two weeks before the vote is taken.

### ARTICLE XIV.

SEC. 1. A regular meeting for rehearsals shall be held weekly on Monday evening, commencing at eight o'clock.

SEC. 2. A regular business meeting shall be held on the first Monday of every month, and no business shall be transacted except at this meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose.

SEC. 3. An annual meeting shall be held on the second Monday in June, at which the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year shall take place.

SEC. 4. The secretary shall call a special meeting at any time at the written request of two members of the general committee, or of four or

more active members, setting forth the purpose of such meeting. The club shall act on no other business at that meeting.

SEC. 5. Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE XV.

Outside  
performance

The club shall not take part in any performance for the benefit of a religious institution, or for the personal benefit of an individual or individuals.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

Vacancies.

Any vacancy which may occur during the year in the offices or committees may be filled at any regular business meeting, announcement of the vacancy having been posted for at least two weeks previously.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

Amend-  
ments and  
suspensions.

These by-laws can be amended or suspended only at a special meeting called for the purpose, and by a vote of three-fourths of the members present. The proposed amendment or suspension must be presented in writing to the secretary, and posted in the club-room not less than two weeks before it is considered.

